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19. (Twice Amended) A device for affixing objects to products moving in a row, the device comprising a holder for a stock of the objects and affixing means comprising a carrier for removing one of the objects from the holder and moving the object, wherein the affixing means is capable of rotary movement about an axis of rotation and affixing the object to a moving product during the rotary movement of the affixing means, wherein the affixing means is capable of being driven intermittently between rotation and standstill, and wherein during standstill of the affixing means the carrier can remove the object from the holder and wherein the carrier is movable in a radial direction with respect to the axis of rotation for both removing an object from the holder at standstill and affixing the object to a moving product during rotary motion.

REMARKS

Claims 19-21, 23-29, 31-33 and 37 remain in this application. Claim 19 has been amended while the remaining claims remain unchanged. No new subject matter is believed to have been added by this amendment.

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview conducted July 10, 2002, during which amended claim 19 as found in the subject amendment was discussed. The Examiner indicated that, based upon a cursory review of the references currently cited, the amended claim appeared to distinguish over the prior art references but that this amended claim raised new issues and required further consideration.

In Section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to claim 19, indicating the term "the" before "standstill" in line 7 is inappropriate. Claim 19 has been amended to address this objection.

In Section 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 19-21, 23, 25-26, 28-29 and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious from the teaching of